

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION  
(Original United States Patent Application)

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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✓ I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, entitled **CONNECTORS HAVING SUPPORTIVE BARRIER COMPONENTS**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

✓ I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.

✓ I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section § 1.56.

No other corresponding foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate have been filed.

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